

Thurrock Council secondary school admissions

If your child has just started the last year of primary education, you must now apply for a secondary school place.

Important information – applying for a secondary school place for September 2026

If your child was born between **1 September 2014** and **31 August 2015**, you must apply for a secondary school place for **September 2026**

Apply online from 1st September at thurrock.gov.uk/admissions

Go to thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and select 'Secondary school admissions'. You will be able to open an online copy of our prospectus for Thurrock secondary schools, booklet called **Secondary Admission Information September 2026**, which you should read carefully before applying.

You must have an email account to apply online.

You should also try to join us online at one of the briefing sessions before you complete an application.

Three briefing sessions for parents will be held on Wednesday 17 September 2025 via webinar on the council website.

First Session: 1pm - 2pm; Second session: 4pm - 5pm; Third session: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Go to thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and select 'Secondary school admissions' to access the webinar.

Offers will be available for applicants via your online account from **12:30am on 2 March 2026**.

Apply for a secondary school place

When making an application you can list up to six schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference. You can list schools outside of Thurrock – including grammar schools – if you wish.

If you are applying to any school that is religious by character, make sure you also complete their supplementary form and return it direct to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to secondary school, you must apply separately for each child needing a place.

If you do not complete the application and return it by the closing date of **31 October 2025** you may be given a place at the nearest school with a space available, after all on-time applications have been dealt with.

If you have read all our information online and still have questions, please contact our Admissions Team by emailing school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk or phoning on **01375 652 652**.